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SUBJ: HAPPENINGS AT MEXICO CITY--ECLA--HABITAT

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1. IN COURSE OF WEEKEND KITCHEN HAS HAD SEVERAL EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH PENELOSA, IGLESIAS, ARIAS(VENEZUELA) IN ADDITION TO A NUMBER OF DELS ARRIVING FOR HABITAT. THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY BOTH IGLESIAS, PENELOSA AND THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF CHILE (SANTA MARIA).

2. MEXICO HAS VIRTUALLY WITHDRAWN ITS IMMEDIATE INTEREST IN EITHER HOSTING OR STAFFING A GLOBAL FOLLOW-UP INSTITUTION IN RE HABITAT. IT APPEARS THAT THEY WERE QUITE SHAKEN BY THE FAILURE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP TO RECEIVE THEIR OFFER TO HOST THE FOLLOW-UP INSTITUTION AS MADE AT VANCOUBER. THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP ITSELF WAS PARTICULARLY COOL TO THE IDEA FOR REASONS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN
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FULLY EXPLAINED. FYI: IT IS CLEAR THAT THE LATIN AMERICANS

FEEL THEY CAN GAIN MORE BY PROCEEDING WITH A REGIONAL APPROACH TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AT THIS STAGE AS OPPOSED TO A LINKAGE WITH A GLOBAL ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD TEND TO BE A DRAFT ON BOTH THE RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS WHICH THEY SEE AS DOUBLE AT BOTH THE NATIONAL AND INTRA REGIONAL LEVEL IF SUPPORT IS FORTHCOMING FROM FRIENDLIES SUCH AS THE US AND CANADA.

3. FOR THE MOMENT, IGELSIAS HOPES TO CONFINE THIS SESSION TO THREE MAJOR ISSUES. FIRST IS A BRIEF AND CURSORY REVIEW OF HABITAT VANCOUVER WITH EMPHASIS TO BE PLACED UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ACTION. THE SECOND WILL BE AN EXPOSITION WITH RESPECT TO NATIONAL PROGRAMS AS NOW TRANSPIRING AND AS FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS ARE ENVISIONED BY THE SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE. THIRDLY, IGLESIAS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MAJOR EMPHASIS UPON REGIONAL EFFORTS WITH AN INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE WHICH IS NOT EITHER BOGGED DOWN WITH OR SADDLED BY THE HEADQUARTERS BUREAUCRACY WHICH CAME OFF RATHER BADLY IN THE VIEW OF THE LATINOS IN THE COURSE OF PREPARATIONS FOR VANCOUVER. THE LATIN AMERICAN RATIONALE WILL BE COVERED IN SEPTEL WHICH FOLLOWS.

4. IGLESIAS EMPHASIZED THAT HE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SIDESTEP ALL QUESTIONS OF GLOBAL INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND GLOBAL PROGRAMS AT THIS SESSION. HE WOULD HOPE THAT LATIN AMERICA BY ACTING FIRST IN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ONE COULD CONCENTRATE UPON THE IMPLICATIONS OF OVERALL RESOLUTIONS FOR LATIN AMERICA AND NOT BECOME EMBROILED IN THE POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AT THIS STAGE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF THIS FORMAT, WE EXPRESSED PLEASANT SURPRISE AND INDICATED OUR INTENTION TO RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON (A) AUTHORIZE FULL AND UNRESERVED SUPPORT OF THE IGLESIAS-PENELOSA APPROACH IN A LOW KEY MANNER, AND (B) THAT WE CONCERT WITH THE LATIN AMERICANS IN DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF LIMITED FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS APPROACH WITH BRAD MORSE ON HIS ARRIVAL, AT MEXICO CITY SEPTEMBER 15.

6. SUBSEQUENTLY, IGLESIAS SAID FLATLY IN FRONT OF SANTA MARIA THAT EVEN IF AN INSTITUTIONAL APPARATUS IS AGREED UPON IT COULD NOT BE LOCATED IN SANTIAGO, CHILE. HE HIMSELF FAVORS LOCATING

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THE INSTITUTION OR ADMINISTRATIVE BODY IN THE CARIBBEAN BECAUSE OF ITS CENTRAL LOCATION AND THE SUBSEQUENT EASE OF INITIATING HIS BUS STOP CONCEPT. THIS WILL BE EXPLAINED IN SUBSEQUENT TEL. HOWEVER, PENELOSA FELT THAT THE MEXICANS WOULD AGREE TO HOST A REGIONAL SET-UP AND THAT THEY HAVE THE BEST RECORD OF FOLLOWING THROUGH ON FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITMENTS. THEREFORE, IN THE ABSENCE OF A STRONG AND FINANCIALLY WORKABLE PROPOSAL FOR LOCATION IN THE CARIBBEAN,

HE WOULD BE INCLINED TO SUPPORT MEXICO AS THE SITE OF A REGIONAL HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CENTER IF IN FACT SUCH IS AGREED UPON.

6. COMMENT: WE HAVE HAD FAIR LUCK IN ESTABLISHING A WORKING RAPPORT ON THE "IN" LEVELS AND REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF CONTINUING LIAISON AND ACCESS TO ALL DOCUMENTS. IF THE SCENAIRO AS NOW OUTLINED CAN BE EFFECTIVELY PLAYED OUT, USDEL BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE A HEALTHY AND USEFUL DEVELOPMENT BOTH SUBSTANTIVELY AND POLITICALLY. MOREOVER, IN VIEW OF THE PROBABLE EXPENDITURE SHORTFALL BY UNDP IN 1976, WE SEE CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN HAVING UNDP INVOLVED IN THIS REGIONAL APPROACH. IT WOULD ALSO RELEIVE PRESSURE ON THE REGULAR BUDGET AND IN ESSENCE OPEN THE DOOR TO LEAVING THE QUESTION OF A GLOBAL APPARATUS OPEN AD INTERIM, A MOVE WHICH MIGHT VERY WELL BE WELCOMED BY OTHER REGIONAL COMMISSIONS IN LIGHT OF THEIR POSTURE AT ECOSOC 59.
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